

SOME STORMY SCENES

Witnessed Yesterday in the House.

SALARY NOT BEING OVERLOOKED

The Hawaiian Question Still the Bone of Contention Among Representatives.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—The expected debate on the President's message did not occur today as Hoar yielded to Berry and Pfeiffer, who spoke on other topics.

The senate confirmed a number of nominations, among them W. D. English, collector of port at San Francisco, and O. M. Wellborn, collector of internal revenue for California.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—The house was in an ugly frame of mind today. The Republicans were in a fighting temper over the Hawaiian situation when the house met, and resented immediately.

Amendments were adopted appropriating \$150,000 for extra mileage of members and senators, \$40,000 for stationery and \$25,000 to pay employees an extra month's salary. The most bitter opposition was manifested towards these propositions, which were denounced as the most scandalous proceeding since the days of slavery.

Bland and Holman tried to get the members to vote by aye and nay vote, but the rule committee brought in a special order preventing such vote.

Cochran's resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the attempt of the last administration to annex territory without consulting the house, was referred to the committee on rules amid great confusion.

Route introduced as a privileged resolution his resolution of yesterday, thus securing the floor.

McCreary made the point that the resolution was not in order, and that he was speaking on the question said: "The message of the President read here yesterday indicates that country may be involved in war with a friendly power for all we know." Said he in a loud voice: "The annexation of Hawaii may be even now pending with whom the mass of the people of this country sympathize. He held it was the imperative duty of congress, reluctantly recognized by the President, to disavow, discontinue and repudiate a policy destined to bring this country into discredit in the eyes of the civilized world." (Great applause on the Republican side.)

"I care not whether this policy emanates from the President, whether from a Republican President or a Democratic President." The confusion that followed the word "usurper" drowned the rest of the sentence. He continued to talk about the land crisis for order and the right of the people to the land.

He held the house to a standard, he held the gentleman from Maine had fairly launched his next. Spoke for half an hour, declaring the ground under him by depicting a point of order in accordance with the contention of McCreary and Rogers, and the resolution, directly to the committee on foreign affairs.

Boutelle and Dingley then attempted to argue the question relating to the decision of the chair, but the speaker was determined and said the resolution ordered all gentlemen to take their seats, declaring he would not let a gentleman until he had formally discharged his duty by a decision upon the point of order. The speaker then delivered his decision and referred the resolution to the committee on foreign affairs. He immediately appealed from the decision of the chair and McCreary moved to lay the appeal on the table. The motion prevailed by 180 to 80.

After some routine business the house adjourned.

THE TARIFF MATTER.

The Majority Report Submitted to the House.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—The majority report of the ways and means committee on tariff was submitted to the house at the opening today. The report says in answer to criticism about reducing revenues at a time when the government is in financial straits, that the committee was compelled in deference to that fact to put on the free list some articles which it would have liked to make free, and not to cut other rates as low as was desirable. The committee did not feel justified in ignoring the instructions of the American people on account of the temporary shrinkage of revenues. The committee says experience shows the increase of business will largely make up the loss from decreased rates.

The report declares the reciprocity clause of the tariff act of 1890 has brought no appreciable benefits, and the present bill, therefore, to repeal it entirely. The report then proceeds to deal at length and seriatim with the leading articles of the schedule, and the reasons which actuated the committee in fixing the rate of duty or in placing them on the free list. The majority report is signed by the Democratic members of the committee.

Irish Gets an Office.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—The President sent the following nominations to the senate today: Wayne MacVeigh of Pennsylvania, ambassador to Italy, and John P. Irish of California naval officer at San Francisco.

When the appointment list was laid on the senate table, the following were named: "What have not the Mugwumps been provided for yet?" Other senators of pronounced partisan views made somewhat similar remarks.

Seemingly Nothing to Hinder.

JACKSONVILLE, December 19.—The city council of Jacksonville passed this evening, with only three opposing votes, an ordinance permitting glove contests with five ounce gloves for an unlimited number of rounds. A license of \$25 is required and the chief of police is to supervise the affair. It is said Mayor Dudley will veto the ordinance. The council, however, will immediately pass it over the mayor's veto, and everything will be made known for the contest between Corbett and Mitchell, provided the governor keeps his hand off. The governor is keeping silent, and no one can guess what he intends to do.

Trouble on the Nicheberry.

PENASCO, December 19.—Late today Captain Nicheberry, the new commander of the Nicheberry, shipped sixty new

men and several of the New York crew were sent ashore. The rest of the crew were sent to the Nicheberry, and the ship was to sail in spite of protests and strikes for higher wages. It is thought there was a serious disturbance on board the Nicheberry and that several men who desired to leave the ship engaged in a struggle with the remainder of the crew, and that a number were finally clapped in irons and confined below decks.

A PECULIAR CASE

Brought Against the Standard Oil Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20.—A peculiar lawsuit has just been brought by the New Zealand Fire Insurance Company against the Standard Oil Company.

Two years ago the oil company sold a certain quantity of oil to retail dealers in Selma, Fresno county, representing it to be non-explosive and perfectly safe with a few test of 150 degrees. The retail dealers in turn sold the oil to their customers. Mrs. Maybelle Brown, a housewife of Selma, was among the purchasers. When Mrs. Brown used some of the oil in filling a lamp the lamp exploded and burned her house down. She was insured for \$1000 in the New Zealand company. Mrs. Brown has joined the insurance company in the suit against the Standard Oil company for the amount of her loss. The complaint alleges the oil was found to explode at 55 degrees Fahrenheit. It is reported other suits similar in nature will soon be filed.

McNulty Revisited.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 19.—John McNulty, a longshoreman, who five years ago murdered another longshoreman named Patrick Collins, was to have been hanged on December 20th. It now appears, after the date of execution having been set five different times, McNulty's neck is yet to be saved through the efforts of the Daughters of the Good Shepherd of this city.

Governor Markham today notified the sheriff he had granted McNulty a reprieve until January 28th, and the probability is the death sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment. The governor says he has received a petition signed by 8000 people asking that this be done.

Among the signers are United States Senators White and Perkins, Archbishop Riordan, Irwin C. Stump and eight jurors who convicted the prisoner.

A Republican Mayor.

CHICAGO, December 19.—The election for Mayor to succeed the late Carter Harrison was held today. The candidates were George B. Swift, Republican, and John P. Hopkins, Democrat. The vote, which was one of the heaviest ever recorded in the city, shows a decided Republican gain. Late in the afternoon the city officials decided to contest Hopkins' election, as it is claimed by the police that the returns show 6000 more votes for Hopkins than were actually cast. It is claimed by the Republicans that the official count will give the election to Swift.

Sacramento's Police Chief Settled.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 19.—The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the superior court of Sacramento county in the suit of Drew against Rogers and ordered the election of Rogers to the office of chief of police of Sacramento null and void. Rogers was elected chief of police on March 8, 1893, and the election was contested by Rogers M. Drew, who charged Rogers as not being a citizen of the United States, he having been born in Australia, of British parentage, and came with them to this country as a child and was never naturalized.

Temporarily Disposed of.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—The Hawaiian question was disposed of for the present in the senate when, after an hour's argument, the message and accompanying documents were referred to the committee on foreign relations. That committee was directed to inquire and report whether, and if so, what irregularities have occurred in diplomatic or consular intercourse between the United States and Hawaii in relation to the recent revolution.

Failed to Impeach.

SACRAMENTO, December 19.—Impeachment proceedings against Mayor Steinman and City Trustee Green were tried before Judge Tuttle today and dismissed. The complaint charged them with willful and malicious neglect in failing to declare the result of the recent election under the new charter, but the court held that their motive was a good one, namely: A desire to have the question of the validity of the charter determined before issuing certificates.

Volunteers Not Wanted.

LOS ANGELES, December 19.—Replying to the offer of a company which was organized here to go to Honolulu and fight for the provisional government, President Dole declines the proffered assistance and says: "With the present force, we feel we can successfully meet and overcome any attempt of the people here to restore the monarchy, and under the circumstances would not be justified in seeking physical assistance from without."

General Coon's Funeral.

SAN DIEGO, December 19.—No more genuine tribute of respect to a good man has been made in this city than that of the funeral of General Datus E. Coon today. Grand Army hall was crowded long before the hour of service and hundreds of people were unable to gain admittance. The services were in accordance with the impressive ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic, pronounced by General Eli Murray.

California Postmasters Nominated.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—The President today sent to the senate the following nominations of postmasters for California: August F. Donine, Clovis; Leslie M. Dennis, Redding; W. J. Miller, San Rafael; Austin Hawkins, Yreka.

Death by Gasoline.

SACRAMENTO, December 19.—Two children of Hugh Latham were terribly burned today by lighted gasoline from a stove being spattered on their clothing. The youngest child, 2 years old, lived but two hours. The other will probably survive.

Virginia Senators Elected.

RICHMOND, Va., December 19.—In the legislature today General Eliza Huntin was elected United States senator for the short term and Thomas S. Martin United States senator for the long term.

Gambler Robbed.

CHICAGO, December 19.—Early this morning four men entered Morgan & Shrin's gambling house, held up the employees in the place and relieved the cashier of \$4000.

NEW BELL AND HIS KNIFE

Another Stabbing Affray in Madera.

MONROE DENNY THE VICTIM

The Would-Be Assassin Makes His Escape in the Dark.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—J. H. Newbell, the young man who a few weeks ago got into a difficulty with W. D. Moss, a photographer man, and stabbed him in the back, tonight jabbed his ready knife into Monroe Denny's left shoulder, making a very painful, though not necessarily fatal wound.

The row occurred at about 6 o'clock this evening in the Madera hotel, a west-side boarding house, frequented by Tennessee people. Newbell was seated at a table eating his supper, when Denny came in, bringing with him an old man whom he was going to let lodge with him that night.

Newbell, who occupied a bed in the room with Denny, objected to the old man sleeping there, and thus seemed to displease Denny, who stated that the old fellow would sleep there, whether Newbell liked it or not. The two men laid a few words together, when Denny said:

"I'm not Dolly Moss, and I'll knock you out all up. If you try it I'll knock your eye out."

Newbell put his pocket knife open, and pushing his chair back from the table rose up.

"I'll show you what I can do," said the knife wielder, grabbing Denny with one hand, and slinging him with the other.

Denny struck his assailant with his fist, knocking him back against the door of a bedroom, and the door opening, Newbell fell down. Denny followed him up and fell on top of Newbell, who tried to kick Denny, and is alleged to have been captured.

Dr. S. K. Church was sent for and he examined the wounded man. He found that the knife blade had entered Denny's back just to the right of the shoulder blade. There were two cuts. One of them extended to the cavity. There was a cut on Denny's arm and is alleged to have been caused by the knife.

The doctor states the wounds will not necessarily cause death.

THEIR SECOND CHANCE.

Chinese Registration to Shortly Commence in This District.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20.—Collector Wellborn has received his instructions about the registration of Chinese under the McCrery act. He is ordered to give public notice at once to Chinese that they must register and is allowed twenty-seven deputies, one interpreter and one stenographer as assistants, and for this purpose he has been allowed an extra appropriation of \$15,000.

The collector had requested an appropriation of \$40,000, and the Chinese register in the numbers expected the force of clerks allowed will be inadequate to do the work. Registration will not commence until next week, as time is required to distribute clerks over the various sections of the city, and other necessary arrangements.

There was one application for registration today.

DENIES THE STATEMENT.

The Southern Pacific Will Not Arm Its Trainmen.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20.—C. F. Crocker, vice president of the Southern Pacific, denies the published statement that the directors of the company have determined to put armed men on their freight trains. He says the company has not determined what course to pursue in the matter of carrying arms.

It is believed here, however, that the Pinkerton agency has perfected arrangements to put gun fighters on the Southern Pacific trains, not only in California, but Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and clear through to New Orleans.

Armed men were recently put on trains pulling out of Portland, Ore., but after a few days were taken off. About that time William Pinkerton was in San Francisco.

Movement to Overthrow Tammany.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Cooper Union was crowded tonight at the meeting of the New York state Democracy to perfect plans for the overthrow of Tammany. Ex-Secretary Fairchild was chosen chairman. Resolutions were passed authorizing Chairman Fairchild to appoint an executive committee not exceeding 100, which will constitute a general committee of the movement.

The committee will be charged with perfecting the organization in this county of the state Democracy and to strengthen and popularize the Democratic party throughout the state.

A Handsome Endowment.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—Mrs. Jane Stanford, widow of the late Senator Leland Stanford and executrix of his vast estate, yesterday confirmed the telegraphic report that the Leland Stanford, Jr., university is to receive an endowment of at least \$300,000 from one of the brothers of the late Senator Stanford. In the late Senator's will \$300,000 was bequeathed to his brother, Thomas Stanford, Stanford of Melbourne, Australia. This bequest has been turned over to the university.

Took the Poor Debtor's Oath.

BOSTON, December 21.—Frederick Warde, the actor, succeeded in taking the poor debtor's oath. Warde has not been able to lay up anything from a salary of \$100 a week during thirty-three weeks of the year, and at the time of the hearing had but 70 cents in his name and a railroad ticket.

A Strange Accident.

MURKIN, December 20.—A special messenger to the Evening Star to Mariposa county brings news from a fatal accident to Captain A. Thomas, a wealthy sheep owner. Thomas was on top of a

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Governor Waite Strongly Expresses Himself on Silver Coinage.

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Robbed by Tramps.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., December 21.—A gang of fifteen tramps held up a deputy sheriff and two policemen and robbed them of all their valuables. The militia has been called out to protect citizens from the hordes of vagabonds infesting this locality.

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The Salvation Army at Redlands has determined to secure from the supreme court a decision on the validity of the city ordinance against drumming on the streets.

County Commissioner Fawcett of Pierce county, Wash., will give his second annual Christmas dinner to the children of Tacoma. Last Christmas day he entertained about 1200 boys and girls.

Pomona fruit grower claims to have propagated a new variety of peach in the county of which no sugar is necessary. It is asserted that the juice from the fruit unites a syrup as thick and sweet as can be desired.

A mass meeting of the employees of the Oregon Pacific road was held at Albany, Or., to ask Judge Fullerton not to accept the scale of the road made last Friday. The employees will not get 10 percent of the wages due them if the scale is confirmed.

UNIAPPY MADERA.

It Was Victimized by the Johns-Dutchy Combination.

There is howling and gnashing of teeth in Madera, and all because the startling discovery has been made that the Johns-Dutchy fight was a prearranged fake. The exposure appears to be the result of the principals in the affair failing to get their bills.

When Dutchy got his share of the money, one-third of the receipts or about \$80, he failed to settle with his trainer, Billy Reuter, Reuter became angry, told him Dutchy had faked the fight and threatened that if the professor did not pay he would beat the tug off him.

Harry Chapman, Johns' manager, also has a tale of woe. He made himself responsible for the advertising bills and spent his own money in arranging the details of the fight. When the fight was over Johns failed to pay him for his trouble or to give good the amounts he spent for Johns.

Chapman says he learned the fight was to be a fake half an hour before it occurred from Reuter. If this is true Chapman is himself to blame for permitting the people to be deceived. Chapman saved Johns with false promises of a fight and he says Johns admitted the charge.

Judging from reports the Madera people were very tired of both Johns and Dutchy. The Silver Palace saloon, conducted by Johns with false promises of a fight and he says Johns admitted the charge.

A GREAT RESERVOIR.

ITS CONSTRUCTION TO BE BEGUN MONDAY.

A Part of the Sunset Irrigation District's System—Its Extent.

Work will be begun on the reservoir levees of the Sunset Irrigation district next Monday. A large force of men with teams are now on the way to the work, and ground will be broken early Monday morning on the greatest piece of engineering work ever done in this valley.

The Sunset irrigation district will bring into successful cultivation 300,000 acres of land on the West Side, partly in this and partly in Kings' county. Most of the land is said to be equal in quality to the best around Fresno and it is estimated that bringing water on it will add in a few years \$20,000,000 to the value of Fresno and Kings' counties.

The district will have 260 miles of main lateral canals and hundreds of miles of distributaries. The immense reservoir is to be inclosed by parallel levees about ten miles long and twenty-four feet high at the highest point. Work will be begun on this in order to take advantage of the period of low water and to avoid interruption by high water.

T. L. Reed of Reedley, who has the contract for this work and the construction of the canals, will commence operations on the levees south of Summit lake. The water for the irrigation of the lands within the district will be obtained from Kings river.

J. S. Eastwood, chief engineer of the Sunset district, left for the south last night to take out the water for the contractor. The beginning of construction on the irrigation works is being hailed with joy by the residents in the district, who will be glad to escape dependence on the flimsy water wheel.

The \$2,000,0

THE PENSION OUTRAGE

Discussed at Length in the House.

CLEVELAND'S RUINOUS ISXAMOUS

Matters Look Gloomy for 300,000 Claimants Under the Act of 1890.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Debate over the pension policy of the administration, growing out of an item in the recent appropriation bill appropriating \$200,000 for special pension examiners, consumed the entire day in the house.

Under the lead of Cannon assault was made against Cleveland's pension policy, especially that portion which resulted in a revocation of order 164. Breckinridge took the floor and explained the bill containing appropriations amounting to \$1,051,894, the only item authorized being the appropriation of \$200,000 for special pension examiners.

Touching this item Cannon thought it was time Congress to examine the manner in which the pension office is being conducted. He related to the house of the President's message declaring that every neighborhood had its fraudulent pensioners, and reviewed the action of the department in cutting off a thousand pensioners. The bill appropriates \$200,000 for special pension examiners.

The bill, second, with 140 Democratic majority, appropriated \$100,000 to meet the payment account of pensioners. Order 164 was responsible for much of this unemployment. The bill appropriates \$200,000 for special pension examiners.

Livingston replied to Cannon and said that it was now proposed to make every pensioner a pensioner. He said that the pension office was a great success.

Enloe, an old antagonist of ex-Commissioner Baum, declared the pension department under this administration was doing a noble work. He was surprised at the line of defense set up on the other side. In concluding, Enloe said the time would come when every honest Union soldier and every self-respecting citizen would support the pension policy of this administration.

More closed the debate with a vigorous assault on Cleveland and Lochren. At the conclusion of the speech an agreement was reached to close the debate after three hours' further discussion on Monday, and at 5:10 p.m. the house adjourned.

It is fearfully cold on the line of Alaska on the edge of the Rocky mountains. Last winter the thermometer was for a week at a time down to 60 degrees, and I have seen it go even considerably lower. At no time in the winter, nor during other winters that I have been there, was it higher than 40 degrees. This cold is extraordinary. We lived in a solid log house, a good warm one, but many a time I have awakened in the night and found the blankets, which were kept up well under the nose, frozen into a cake of ice. Sometimes the intense cold makes the blankets for a long time down.

Meats and everything froze, and you would throw them away without thinking. The worst experience was trying to make bread. The yeast would freeze in spite of you, sometimes even when the greatest care was exercised. If you stopped out, everything was so still and so intensely cold you could hear yourself breathe. It had a resting sound.

I discovered a queer thing about the cold, and it was this: Below 40 degrees you didn't notice it any more than 40 degrees. It might go to 60 degrees, or even more, but it made no little difference to you that you didn't notice it. It was all practically the same to you.—San Francisco Examiner.

A Colonial Book Camel.

One of the most curious and interesting formations in rock in the world is to be seen a short distance east of the stage road between Tucson and Oracle, and stands on a knoll hills.

When first seen, we are told, the effect is startling, and the mind has to get over the shock before the peculiar object can be comprehended. It is a most perfect representation of a camel and is formed of one piece of granite. This curiosity is of colossal size, but perfectly proportioned. It is about 60 feet high and is very white and smooth. There are very few fissures on the surface, and they, strangely, are in the proper places to form features. The only real exception from the surface is exactly placed for an eyebrow. The two humps are plainly to be seen, and the neck is curved beautifully.

Perhaps some of the first discoverers of the sphinx in modern times attributed its authorship to an upheaval of the earth's crust, but everybody in this age knows better. As mediæval man has been traced to Arizona and his methods and implements discovered there in profusion, why should we say that every curious formation bearing the image of some beast or other thing was not his work some years or more ago?—Salt Lake News.

Get the Sparrows Tip.

The English sparrows have proved a nuisance in the cotton country, for as soon as the birds appear they pick out the cotton and carry it off, and some planters have lost, as they claim, hundreds of pounds in this way. There is one man, however, on the Mississippi that has not lost touch. When he found the sparrows were committing depredations, he procured a quantity of wheat, cooked it in sweetened water and strewed it along the rows. The sparrows found it and thought they had a picnic.

So they had, but in 15 or 20 minutes there was the tippest lot of English sparrows ever seen on the face of this earth. They talked about on the ground, falling on their sides and backs and kicking their heads into the air like a parcel of drunkards, all the while uttering the most comical squeals. They did not have long to squawk, however, for the

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Touching this item Cannon thought it was time Congress to examine the manner in which the pension office is being conducted. He related to the house of the President's message declaring that every neighborhood had its fraudulent pensioners, and reviewed the action of the department in cutting off a thousand pensioners. The bill appropriates \$200,000 for special pension examiners.

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Livingston replied to Cannon and said that it was now proposed to make every pensioner a pensioner. He said that the pension office was a great success.

Enloe, an old antagonist of ex-Commissioner Baum, declared the pension department under this administration was doing a noble work. He was surprised at the line of defense set up on the other side. In concluding, Enloe said the time would come when every honest Union soldier and every self-respecting citizen would support the pension policy of this administration.

More closed the debate with a vigorous assault on Cleveland and Lochren. At the conclusion of the speech an agreement was reached to close the debate after three hours' further discussion on Monday, and at 5:10 p.m. the house adjourned.

It is fearfully cold on the line of Alaska on the edge of the Rocky mountains. Last winter the thermometer was for a week at a time down to 60 degrees, and I have seen it go even considerably lower. At no time in the winter, nor during other winters that I have been there, was it higher than 40 degrees. This cold is extraordinary. We lived in a solid log house, a good warm one, but many a time I have awakened in the night and found the blankets, which were kept up well under the nose, frozen into a cake of ice. Sometimes the intense cold makes the blankets for a long time down.

Meats and everything froze, and you would throw them away without thinking. The worst experience was trying to make bread. The yeast would freeze in spite of you, sometimes even when the greatest care was exercised. If you stopped out, everything was so still and so intensely cold you could hear yourself breathe. It had a resting sound.

I discovered a queer thing about the cold, and it was this: Below 40 degrees you didn't notice it any more than 40 degrees. It might go to 60 degrees, or even more, but it made no little difference to you that you didn't notice it. It was all practically the same to you.—San Francisco Examiner.

A Colonial Book Camel.

One of the most curious and interesting formations in rock in the world is to be seen a short distance east of the stage road between Tucson and Oracle, and stands on a knoll hills.

When first seen, we are told, the effect is startling, and the mind has to get over the shock before the peculiar object can be comprehended. It is a most perfect representation of a camel and is formed of one piece of granite. This curiosity is of colossal size, but perfectly proportioned. It is about 60 feet high and is very white and smooth. There are very few fissures on the surface, and they, strangely, are in the proper places to form features. The only real exception from the surface is exactly placed for an eyebrow. The two humps are plainly to be seen, and the neck is curved beautifully.

Perhaps some of the first discoverers of the sphinx in modern times attributed its authorship to an upheaval of the earth's crust, but everybody in this age knows better. As mediæval man has been traced to Arizona and his methods and implements discovered there in profusion, why should we say that every curious formation bearing the image of some beast or other thing was not his work some years or more ago?—Salt Lake News.

Get the Sparrows Tip.

The English sparrows have proved a nuisance in the cotton country, for as soon as the birds appear they pick out the cotton and carry it off, and some planters have lost, as they claim, hundreds of pounds in this way. There is one man, however, on the Mississippi that has not lost touch. When he found the sparrows were committing depredations, he procured a quantity of wheat, cooked it in sweetened water and strewed it along the rows. The sparrows found it and thought they had a picnic.

So they had, but in 15 or 20 minutes there was the tippest lot of English sparrows ever seen on the face of this earth. They talked about on the ground, falling on their sides and backs and kicking their heads into the air like a parcel of drunkards, all the while uttering the most comical squeals. They did not have long to squawk, however, for the

SUPERVISORS' MEETING

PARTIAL PAYMENT OF SMITH BROTHERS AUTHORIZED.

MISS NELLIE BOYD'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED, WITH RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

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Present, full board. The matter of making final payment to Smith Brothers, the court house contractors, came on regularly for hearing. Upon motion of Supervisor Butler, the board proceeded to vote thereon, and the said motion was lost by the following vote:

Supervisor Butler—No.
Supervisor Wickham—No.
Supervisor Foster—No.
Supervisor Butler—Aye.
Supervisor Sayre—Aye.
The matter of opening bids for supplying the county with stationery for the ensuing year was ordered continued until tomorrow, the 15th instant. Adjourned until tomorrow, the 15th instant.

December 15, 1893. Present, full board. The auditor is directed to draw his warrant on the general fund for \$108.36, for making payment for freight charges on three cars of granite from Raymond to Fresno.

The county treasurer is authorized to deposit the sum of \$140,000 in such bank as he may deem proper for the safe keeping thereof. The auditor is directed to draw his warrant on the general fund for the sum of \$145 in favor of the California Electric Supply and Construction Company, for material and labor furnished in the electric wiring, etc., of the court house.

The applications of E. V. Upton, W. T. O'Brien and H. W. Neely to be appointed horticultural commissioners were taken up for hearing, and after consideration thereof it was ordered that W. T. O'Brien and H. W. Neely be appointed as such commissioners.

The matter of opening bids for supplying county stationery for the ensuing year came on regularly for hearing. The bids of C. H. Kiege, L. Einstein and C. T. Gray were opened and considered, and it appearing that the bid of C. T. Gray was the lowest, it was ordered that the said contract be awarded to said C. T. Gray.

The report of the license committee of this board on all petitions for retail liquor licenses was taken up for hearing, and the following named petitioners, to-wit: George Miville, Paul J. T. Myer, H. Bertram, William Davidson, M. J. Silva, Nicholas Fisher, Samuel Ralston, Joe Saporito, E. S. Sinc, George Schorling, M. J. Silva. The following petitioners for retail liquor licenses were continued until Monday, December 18th, at 2 o'clock p.m., to-wit:

William Degan, Owen Murray, W. D. Deming, J. S. Gentry, M. B. Thompson. The clerk is directed to notify said parties to appear before this board on said date to rectify irregularities in said petitions.

Upon motion of Supervisor Butler, seconded by Supervisor Wickham, it was ordered that all claims filed herein for services as grand jurors, not heretofore allowed, be and the same are hereby rejected. Passed by the following vote:

Supervisor Butler—No.
Supervisor Wickham—Aye.
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Adjourned until tomorrow, the 16th instant.

December 18, 1893. Present, full board. The petitions of William Degan, W. D. Deming, Owen Murray, N. Hanley and J. S. Gentry for retail liquor license came on regularly for hearing.

All the above parties being in attendance, or represented before the board, after due consideration thereof, it is ordered that the said petitions be and the same are hereby granted. In the matter of the petition of M. B. Thompson for a retail liquor license, it was ordered that the said petition be and the same are hereby granted. This matter be continued until January 3, 1894.

The report of expenditures, accompanied with resignation of Nellie Boyd, Western Fair commissioner, filed herein, is ordered accepted, and upon motion of Supervisor Butler the following resolution is unanimously adopted:

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Father's Son (Joyfully)—Cracks, will you place for a ball game?—Texas Siftings

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